

CO. INTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Soviet Field Exercise in the Naumburg Area

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REMARKS Summary of the report cabled on 13 March 1952

1. A series of troop movements began in the Naumburg (M 52/J 89) - Lossa (M 52/J 59) area on 3 March 1952. The barracks installations in Naumburg were occupied beyond capacity. Troops were seen tenting in the barracks yards and the surrounding woods. Three telescope masts mounting rectangular micro-wave antenna frames of type N were noticed. Truck [ ] with antenna was in the village of Bockroda, 2.5 km south of Naumburg. Radio trucks [ ] were seen on the northeastern perimeter of Flemmingen. Truck [ ] with antenna and radio truck [ ] were 1.8 km northwest of the Saale River bridge at Altenburg, 2 km southwest of Naumburg. Telephone lines were laid underground from the Hubertus Kaserne, Naumburg, as far as Kalte Thal and from there, overhead, to Obermoellern, 8 km west of Naumburg. A total of 32 wires ran from Obermoellern toward Lossa. The telephone lines from the direction of Jena, Naumburg and Weimar converged in Obermoellern. Another line was being constructed by day and night shifts along the railroad line from Laucha, 10 km northwest of Naumburg, toward Lossa. Troops were seen tenting in the area by the swimming pool in the woods of Bad Biebra, between Laucha and Lossa. A military reservation of undetermined size was situated at the Rabiswald ruin, north of Lossa. Troops were also seen tenting east of the Freiburg-Unstrut castle, 5 km north-northwest of Naumburg. \*

2. Rocket launchers [ ] at the Hubertus Kaserne, Naumburg. Motorized units with tanks were seen heading southward from Leipzig at 3 a.m. on 10 March 1952. \*\*

\* [ ] Comment. The report is believed to refer to a signal-communications exercise, of which there have been previous indications. [ ] the M 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div to have left for an exercise on 29 February 1952. [ ] The signal regiment of the GOMC from Potsdam, [ ] was reported, [ ] to have dispatched a trainload of troops to Naumburg on 28 February 1952. [ ] components of the 9th Mecz Div and, possibly, a ground unit of a bomber regiment from Jernouchen were also involved in the exercise. [ ] also headquarters signal units of the Eighth Gds Army from Weimar may have participated. See

\*\* [ ] Comment. There have been no indications to date that the exercise concerned should have extended as far as the Leipzig area.

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